



FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 21, 1910.

The republican members of the general assembly, in caucus in Richmond last night, provided for the complacent nomination of Congressman Sloop as their party choice for the United States Senate, next Tuesday. This is as close to the Senate as Mr. Sloop will ever get; likewise whether the republican party in Virginia drifting?

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Senator Aldrich has gone to Florida for his health and it is definitely understood that no important legislation shall be considered while he is away.

Permission has been granted by Attorney General Wickham to President Lovett, of the Union Pacific Railroad, to file a written memorandum in support of the request made by the railroad officials that the government discontinue the pending suit against the Union and Southern Pacific railroads brought under the Sherman anti-trust law. The attorney general announced today that he would take this memorandum under consideration before reporting to the president any recommendation respecting the request to discontinue the suit.

George Keppell, husband of England's most famous woman and court favorite, is in this city.

President Taft discussed British politics today with Lord Balfour of Ebury and Sir Daniel Morris. The British peers were introduced by Ambassador Bryce, who is entertaining them in Washington.

Mr. Underwood, or Mr. Clayton, of Alabama, will in all probability be selected by the democratic caucus this evening to replace Mr. Lloyd, of Missouri, as a minority member of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation committee. Mr. Lloyd who was placed on the committee by the republican caucus instead of Mr. Rainey, the democratic caucus choice, announced that he will ask the House to excuse him from serving.

Although the State Department has received no official confirmation of Japan's formal rejection of Secretary Knox's proposal to neutralize the railroads in Manchuria, there appeared to be no doubt that this action has been taken and the general feeling is that the incident is closed. The promptitude with which Japan rejected the scheme leaves no doubt about the attitude of that country and no hope is expressed of bringing about a more favorable consideration of the project by approaching it from another angle. The proposal, however, has had the effect of forcing Japan to show her hand and the general opinion in diplomatic circles is that there is no longer any question of the intentions of the Japanese government to go as far as possible without directly clashing with the other powers in acquiring a monopoly on the trade of Manchuria.

The legislature faces a deficit in the state treasury and should apply the pruning knife whenever the many opportunities present themselves. The members should go back about six years and repeal the acts which made so many wasteful and useless extra allowances. The treasury was full then and these allowances were made without thought of the morrow. Now the day of reckoning has come and this waste should be stopped. So far as known there is no grafting in the legislature but undoubtedly there is much waste of the people's money.

A bill was introduced in the House of Delegates yesterday to abolish the office of school superintendent—of which there are five or six in the state. The bill should become a law at once. Such a measure passed the House four years ago by an almost unanimous vote, but was defeated in the Senate. The office always was a useless one, but has become more so now since in each city and county a high priced superintendent is employed to devote his entire time and attention to the schools—thus leaving the examiners with nothing to do. They are superfluous officers and ought to go.

Probably the great industrial monopolies could contribute to a solution of the riddle of high prices if they would render a more exact account of the profits which they pour into their coffers. The steel and sugar trusts have given examples in this respect which go very far toward a solution of the problem for which Senators Aldrich, Smoot and the rest of the tariff-monsters are groping in the attempt to put the blame on the retailers of the country.

If the bill introduced in the Senate on Wednesday by Chairman Gallinger of the District of Columbia committee, becomes a law it will be the most drastic measure regarding the sale of liquor and the regulation of saloons that has ever been introduced in that body short of prohibition. Under the bill drunkenness in the District is made a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of from \$10 to \$100, or imprisonment in the workhouse from five to thirty days, or both. Free lunch is forbidden in places where liquor is sold.

In spite of the earnest opposition of the democrats, who had made their own selections for minority representation on the committee, the House yesterday elected the ticket that the republican caucus picked Wednesday night for the Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry. The result seems likely to be a picked jury inquiry, in which nobody will have any confidence, because it is freely admitted that the ticket elected was slanted by President Taft, who intends that Secretary of the Interior Ballinger shall be acquitted of all charges.

The insurgents did not like the men picked out by the democratic caucus for places on the Ballinger investigation committee and most of them voted with the republicans to displace Mr. Rainey. The minority certainly should have been allowed to name its own representatives, and if it be true that they are extreme partisans, so much the better in the case of an investigation the greatest danger of which is an attempt at whitewash.

The coalition between the insurgents and democrats of the House is broken. Recent developments go to prove that insurgents are not to be relied upon and that all is vanity.

Virginia News.

Rev. T. W. T. Nolan, of Fair's Church, has been called to the New School-Baptist church at Woodbridge, Prince William county, and has accepted the call.

Fishermen on the Potomac river and lower Rappahannock are getting their seines in order to commence winter fishing and to be prepared for the early spring season.

Judge Joseph Saunders, of Blufffield, has sued Attorney-General Williams for \$24,000 for being hit with an iron ball at Welch, West Virginia.

J. Oonway O'Chesler and Miss Edmonia O'Chesler Fitchburg, both of Fredericksburg, were married yesterday at St. George Episcopal Church by Rev. Dr. R. J. McBryde.

Capt. Samuel J. Simpson, a retired farmer of Warren county, aged 75, died Wednesday night of acute indigestion before medical aid could be rendered. He served under Stonewall Jackson as a scout.

Miss Mary Alexander, a well known member of Charlestown W. Va. society was married in Washington to Rev. Dallas Tucker, an Episcopal rector, now of Bristol, and for a year in charge of Emmanuel church, Harrisonburg. B. Shop Brevly Tucker, co-adjutor of the diocese of Southern Virginia, officiated.

Some of the friends of Mr. A. J. Montague, former governor of Virginia, have suggested that he may be appointed to the bench of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in case Congress authorizes an additional judgeship, as it is expected to do. It is understood however that so far as known he has not been considered the subject, nor is it known that his name has been mentioned to the president.

"Norfolk spends more money on charities to board all her poor at the Monticello hotel," declared Mayor Riddick on Friday in vetoing an ordinance from the Norfolk council increasing the city's appropriation to the Florence Orphanage for fallen women from \$300 to \$900 annually. The veto was put on the ground that all such money should be spent under the direction of a city board of charities.

An interesting contest is developing over the proposed new judge for the Fourth federal circuit. The place is being created to give Judge Fitzhugh and Judge G. H. an associate to assist them in transacting the work of that circuit, which includes the federal districts of Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and South Carolina. It is intimated that Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., for 12 years judge of the federal court for the Eastern district of Virginia, sitting at Richmond, has the best chance of appointment.

Floods in France and Switzerland.

Paris, Jan. 21.—Reports received from east and south France, where the flood conditions are reported the worst, declare that conditions are most serious. All factories have closed because their employees cannot reach them. Farms have been swept of crops and live stock and it is estimated that the loss will reach several million dollars. Already appeals for aid are rolling in from the homeless and the war, interior and public works departments are co-operating to help the needy.

The lawless element is taking advantage of conditions to reap a harvest and reports are that they are looting abandoned homes and factories. All of the available military is being sent into the flooded region to do guard duty and aid the inhabitants.

Despite the magnitude of the floods there has been practically no loss of life. To date two drownings are reported while, as the result of a train running into a wash-out at Dehaute, two other were killed and seven hurt.

The real menace is the lack of food and the failure of the transportation lines caused by the destruction of the railway lines.

Great damage is reported in Switzerland where a deluge of rain swelled the melting snow and caused a phenomenal rise in the rivers and lakes. Visitors are imprisoned in the winter resorts.

Paris, Jan. 21.—The subway under the river Seine was flooded today by a cave-in in the Latin quarter side, resulting from the high water. All subway traffic is suspended and it is feared the tube will be completely filled.

There is also grave danger of the Paris-Orleans Railway being put out of commission by the flooding of its underground section in Paris.

Sixty-first Congress.

(Second Session.)

Washington, Jan. 21.

SENATE.

The Senate was not in session today.

HOUSE.

The House spent most of today discussing bills on the private calendar.

Mr. Murphy (rep., Mo.), introduced a bill making the receiving of tips a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of from \$5 to \$500. His bill prohibits not only the waiter, porter, steward or other employees from accepting the tip, but also makes it equally criminal for any proprietor or manager of any hotel, restaurant, eating house or cafe, to allow the employees to take the money.

TEACHERS' PENSION.

The teachers' pension fund will receive a crippling blow if the bill introduced on the first day of the session in the House by Delegate Uz, taking away the \$5,000 annual appropriation for the state, is passed.

This bill, while it has nothing to say in regard to the pension system, if adopted will throw the whole burden of the fund upon the active teachers.

The pension fund was started by the last legislature, which adopted a measure appropriating \$5,000 annually for the fund and took the public school teachers one per centum of their salaries for the rest of the fund. The measure was adopted by a large majority by the last legislature. There is a sentiment among the present members of the assembly that the support of the teachers should fall on the teachers, and as the fund from the teachers' salaries amounts to approximately \$30,000, the taking away of the state appropriation is being seriously considered. The bill came up for reading in the House yesterday and was referred to a committee.

Fire at an early hour today destroyed the Marine Equipment Building and the ice house on the Erie Railroad terminal on the river front between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, Jersey City. The loss will be over \$100,000. Some old records of an unimportant nature were destroyed.

The Legislature.

If the legislature keeps up its present pace it will apparently demonstrate before the end of the session that it is entirely unnecessary to extend the time for meeting to nicely days.

SENATE.

Favorable reports were received on the bill creating a board of law examiners; on the bill changing the corporation act; on the bill with reference to the state scholarships; on the resolution to include the University of Virginia on the Carnegie Foundation.

Among the bills passed on second reading was that to allow husband and wife to testify against each other in cases involving non-support; also re-vesting the election of the Mount Vernon Avenue Association in the state.

Among the bills introduced were to amend sections 2 and 7 of an act to provide for the issuance of county bonds for permanent road or bridge improvements in the magisterial districts of the counties of the state.

To amend section 2219 of the code in relation to how a minister is authorized to celebrate the rites of marriage.

To amend the act to provide for the payment of a license tax for the exhibition of any automatic moving picture machine, phonograph, graphophone, or similar musical machine, when the price of admission to such exhibition does not exceed the sum of 10 cents.

To impose a special license tax on persons trading in second-hand gas stoves, gas, water and electric fixtures, etc.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 2716 of the code in relation to how persons turned out or kept out of possession of land may recover it; when the proceedings to be in court, and when it may be before a justice.

To repeal chapter 62 of the acts of 1906, authorizing the sale of lots purchased by the commonwealth for delinquent taxes and redeemed within four years or more.

A bill to bar the collection of taxes and levies on property omitted from the land assessment books prior to 1903.

HOUSE.

House bills Nos. 2, 3 and 4, which have traveled the regular course, were read the third time and passed.

Opposition developed to the bill allowing until a certain date for veterinary surgeons to show the standing of their practice. But the final vote resulted: 65 yeas, 15 nays. The other two bills which went through were to extend the time for the collection of certain taxes and to fix the compensation of real estate assessors.

The committee on asylums and prisons reported the bill providing for intermediate sentences for criminals.

The committee on general laws reported a bill regulating employment bureaus.

From the committee on courts of justice came bills making the use of slanderous language a misdemeanor; exempting pharmacists from jury service; correcting mistakes in judicial records, and referring to bailing accused persons.

Mr. Houston projected a tax commission plan covering the point of aggregating the classes of property subject to taxation.

Among the new bills introduced yesterday, the one which will arouse the most violent antagonism is the measure proposed imposing a tonnage tax on minerals at the mouth of the mine.

Prohibiting any person from in any way putting into the streams of the state any substance which is noxious to human, animal or fish life by which the water will be rendered impure or offensive.

Bills were introduced by Mr. Monroe, of Alexandria, to amend and re-enact section 753 of (Pollard's) annotated code of Virginia—State deposits, their bonds, when money to be transferred, when governor to designate temporary depositaries; when new bonds; state's remedy on bonds and a bill to provide for uniformity of public school text books; changes, selection, how books furnished to children in certain cases.

Aviator's Narrow Escape.

O. A. Alger, Jan. 21.—O. S. Slagers, a French aviator, had the most spectacular escape from death today in the annals of aeroplaning, when he was forced to jump from his blazing machine while making a light near La Senia. Slagers was painfully burned and badly jarred by his jump of thirty feet, but his injuries are not believed to be serious. While at a great height Slagers' aeroplane caught fire from the motor and the canopy began burning fiercely. Slagers began a rapid descent, hoping to reach the earth before the collapse of the machine. The machine dipped toward the ground at a fearful rate, but the flames gained headway at such speed that Slagers was finally forced to leap from the blazing air craft. The machine barled to the ground a moment later.

Japan's Formal Refusal.

Tokio, Japan, Jan. 21.—The Japanese government today handed to Ambassador O'Brien, of the United States embassy, a formal reply, refusing positively to accept Secretary Knox's plan to neutralize the Manchurian railways on the grounds that his proposition is impracticable. The text of the formal reply has not been published, but the newspapers and officials here declare Japan's refusal is firm.

It was Secretary Knox's desire to have a syndicate of American and European bankers take over the Manchurian Railroad now held by Japan, and thus insure an "open door" for the merchants of all nations in Manchuria.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 21.—Acting in apparent concert with Japan, Russia today handed her reply to Secretary Knox's proposal for the neutralization of the Manchurian railways to Ambassador Rockhill. The reply is adverse.

Six Victims.

Philadelphia, Jan. 21.—The death list resulting from Wednesday's shirt-waist factory fire grew to six today when Hyman Rolnik, who had been in the Pennsylvania Hospital suffering from severe burns and other injuries succumbed. Several others of the injured are still in a serious condition.

MARRIED.

On Wednesday, January 19, 1910, by Rev. W. F. Watson, of the Baptist Church, Miss KATHIE SOBER and Mr. LAWRENCE PETTY, of this city.

DIED.

On Friday, at 7 a. m., Mrs. ELIZABETH SKIDMORE, widow of L. E. Skidmore, in the 83rd year of her age. The funeral will take place from the residence of C. J. W. Skidmore, 901 King street, on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

Today's Telegraphic News

The Virginia Legislature.

(Special dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.)

Richmond, Jan. 21.—Senator Sloop offered a measure today that provides for the election of members of the State Corporation Commission by a direct vote of the people.

An effort will be made to increase the number of colonels on the governor's staff from 16 to 25.

On January 27th a joint meeting of committees of the two branches of the assembly will be held for the purpose of hearing citizens on the proposed regulations of state bank.

The English Election.

London, Jan. 21.—It was officially announced at the Liberal headquarters today that unless the Liberals and laborites, without the aid of the Irish nationalists, have a minimum majority over the conservatives of forty, they will not accept the ministerial control. The announcement has occasioned great excitement, as present indications are that the Liberal and laborite majority over the conservatives will not reach this figure.

The opposition of the Liberals makes it equally impossible for the conservatives to accept ministerial control under such conditions, thus forcing a re-election almost immediately. In case of another election, the Liberals are confident of greater success, believing that the conservatives have exhausted their political energies and are on the verge of a collapse.

If the Liberals make good their threat, the new parliament would probably sit about a week, Herbert Asquith retaining the premiership for administrative convenience.

The most serious aspect of the new situation is that it will continue indefinitely the present paralysis of business.

A mob attacked the Liberal club headquarters at Newmarket today driving the members from the clubhouse and wrecking the club-rooms before the police arrived and dispersed the rioters. A number of the Liberals were injured. At Louth a mob attacked the residence of Liberal candidate Davies and was only dispersed by the arrival of police reinforcements from Grimsby.

Three thousand coal miners smashed the windows of the Merton colliery near Scamham this morning and attempted to loot the colliery offices and the manager's house, alleging that the manager had attempted to intimidate the miners in their voting. Sixty police fought with the mob. A score of persons were hurt before order was restored.

At Carnarvon the building occupied by the suffragettes as headquarters was wrecked by a crowd of men, who also tried to run a wagonette containing a dozen suffragettes into the public fountain, because they were interfering with an address by Chancellor Lloyd-George.

A compilation of the strength of the various parties, with ten of yesterday's districts still uncounted, shows: Conservatives 181; Liberals 150; Nationalists 55; Laborites 30. This gives the Conservatives a majority of one over the combined Liberal and Labor vote.

Boycotting Meat.

Pittsburg, Jan. 21.—The first organized movement toward boycotting meat had a start in Pittsburg today. The Iron City Trades Council adopted resolutions last night calling for a boycott of the meat trust and declaring that if conditions are not bettered at once all members of local trades unions shall pledge themselves to abstain from the use of meats for thirty days. The union men are also called upon to secure others not affiliated with labor organizations to take the same action. The following are states in which boycotts against meat have been started: Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Delaware, Connecticut, Michigan, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Wisconsin. Labor unions in most of the states are leading the boycott movement.

Boston, Jan. 21.—"No meat" clubs similar to those which have stirred Cleveland, are to be formed here. Plans are being made to use Faneuil Hall for a great mass meeting at which the experiment will be inaugurated probably under the auspices of the unions.

Prominent business men of the city who are large buyers of meats, it is reported, also are to be behind the plan to cut down the butchers' profit and it is not unlikely that the movement may before long become state-wide.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 21.—Despite the growth of membership of the meat boycott movement in thirty thousand pledges, the price of sirloin steaks advanced two cents today.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—The State Federation of Women's Clubs will join the meat strike which is rapidly getting the country in its grip.

Social Leaders in Revolt.

Berlin, Jan. 21.—Berlin's social leaders are in revolt today over the presentation to the Kaiser and Kaiserin at last night's court reception of 28 Americans, mostly women, but few of whom, according to German court etiquette, were entitled to participate in such an exclusive function. Germans of high degree, but who have never been considered eligible for presentation to the imperial court, are loudest in their criticism of the Kaiser for letting down the bars to the Americans and are demanding that either the court restrictions be removed or adhered to. Only three of the score of women who were received by the Kaiser were connected with the American embassy, including the wife and daughter of Ambassador H. H. and entitled, as such, to attend the court function.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.

The Anti-Saloon League which had been in session in Richmond for three days adjourned yesterday evening. Officers were elected for the coming year as follows:

President, Rev. Henry Pearce Atkins, Richmond; secretary, J. D. McAllister, Richmond; and treasurer, S. P. Jones, Richmond.

A number of vice presidents were also elected. Rev. C. D. Balla, pastor of the M. E. Church South of this city, is a member of the executive committee. The convention was addressed last night by Rev. H. W. Battle, D. D., on the fight for state-wide prohibition in North Carolina, following which there was an address from Rev. P. A. Baker, D. D., national superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America.

Fire today destroyed the plant of the Silver Hat Factory, at Danbury, Conn. The loss was \$100,000.

DRY GOODS.

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News of the Day.

Three men accused of burning the Lincoln county, (W. Va.), jail were arrested yesterday and taken to Huntington.

The government suit for the dissolution of the merger of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads, will not be dropped.

Through the efforts of Senator Martin, Dr. Garland Moore, of Cape Charles, has secured a position with the Marine Hospital Corp. It is likely that he will be sent to Japan. The place pays \$2,500.

Cal. Robert Lowry, twice governor of Mississippi, Confederate veteran, and for a half century prominent in the affairs of the state, died at his home at Jackson Wednesday night, aged 73 years.

The status of the parties, according to the returns received up to date in the general elections in England, is as follows: Unionists, 163; Liberals, 137; laborites, 29; nationalists, 62. Galus—unionists, 71; Liberals, 10; laborites, 1.

President Taft yesterday in Washington addressing the annual meeting of the association of life insurance presidents held out no hope for the enactment of a federal law to govern the companies and advised the executive officers to bend their efforts to secure uniform legislation in the states.

Mr. Koller, commissioner of agriculture and immigration of Virginia, and others, were accompanied by Senator Martin and Representative Flood to a call on Secretary Wilson in Washington yesterday in behalf of the apple interests of their state. Secretary Wilson assured them that his department would do all it could to aid them in improving the apple industry of Virginia.

A convention among motor boat owners will probably result from the action of the Senate committee on commerce yesterday in recommending for passage a bill to require each boat to be equipped with at least one life preserver for each person aboard. The bill is other years has been opposed with success by the owners of private motor boats. The bill, if passed, will take effect June 1, 1910.

Mrs. Mary E. McIntosh, an aged widow, who lived at Rockford, Ill., murdered in her home at Rockford, Ill., yesterday. Her throat had been cut and her stomach horribly gashed. The crime does not appear to have been committed for robbery. She was poor and lived in a squalid home. The murder is almost a counterpart of that of Mrs. Margaret Grippen, a woman of about the same age, who was killed at her home in Winnebago, eight miles west of Rockford, last spring. The perpetrator of that crime was never discovered.

Samuel Untermyer, the New York lawyer, for his work in connection with the consolidation of the Utah Copper Company and Boston Consolidated Copper Company will receive one of the largest fees ever known for work in a single transaction. Mr. Untermyer will receive 3,250 shares of Utah Copper stock, which has a market valuation on a basis of \$55 a share, or nearly \$180,000 and \$531,250 in cash, a total of more than \$760,000.

In the Senate yesterday a favorable report was made on the Mann bill to change the government of the canal zone. For a short time yesterday the democrats, on account of the departure of so many republicans in consequence of a notice that the House would adjourn at 4:30 to give the minority an opportunity to hold a caucus, held control of the body and postponed adjournment until after 5 o'clock.

Judge Risako in Philadelphia, yesterday, not only refused to order the re-

lease of Ferdinand D. Cohen, the waiter who "eloped" with 16-year-old Roberta B. De Jacon, but intimates that for a married man of his age to go away with a young girl, renovate her from her natural guardian, was a crime, even if it were done at her suggestion. The only concession made to the accused man was to permit his release on bail. The amount was fixed at \$2,000.

After perfecting concrete plans for future convalescence, the conference of governors in Washington adjourned yesterday to meet at one of the state capitals on a date between Thanksgiving Day and Christmas of the current year, the exact time and place to be determined by a committee which was appointed. The final sessions of the conference were marked by a divergence of views among the governors as to the wisdom of the state executives as a body passing resolutions for or against any given proposition. Three suffragettes presented an address. It asked the governors to designate the question of uniform laws for woman suffrage in the states as a topic for discussion at the next meeting of the governors. The governors listened gallantly and then turned to other business. The suffragettes, who were ready to join in any discussion which their mission would prompt, looked disappointed and left the room.

BIG DEMOCRATIC BANQUET PLANNED.

A great national banquet, commemorating the birthday of Thomas Jefferson, will be held in Washington on April 18th next. A joint meeting of the local and congressional committees, having charge of the arrangements of the banquet, will be held in a few days. It is proposed to have the leaders of the democratic party present. The governors of Ohio, Indiana, Nebraska, Colorado and other states have already accepted invitations to be present as well as the leaders in and out of Congress and public life. It is expected to be the biggest political banquet ever held in that city, even eclipsing the great Bryan dinner given there two years ago. While Mr. Bryan will not be present on this occasion, due to his absence abroad, he will send a letter regretting his inability to be present to honor the patron saint of democracy—Thomas Jefferson.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

At a democratic caucus held immediately after adjournment of the House yesterday Representative Rainey, of Illinois, who was elected a place on the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation committee by a vote of the republicans of the House, addressed his colleagues and withdrew his name from further consideration in that connection. Representative James also asked to be relieved from service upon the committee, but upon motion of Mr. Rainey the caucus voted to ask Mr. James to continue. Mr. Lloyd having expressed a desire to be left off the committee, the caucus expressed a vote of confidence in Mr. Lloyd, and decided to meet again tomorrow night, at which the question of acting upon the latter's successor is to be taken up. A motion was made by Representative Sisson, of Alabama, that Representative Clayton, of Alabama, chairman of the caucus, appoint a committee of democrats to consider the question of the vacancy on the investigation commission and to draw up an address to the country, was adopted by the narrow vote of 49 to 48. Chairman Clayton announced that he would appoint the committee tomorrow.

Mr. Richard Darns died on last Sunday evening at his home at Lewisville, Fairfax county, after a lingering illness.